

Between the Lines

Friends of the Alpine Public Library

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New Alpine Public Library Opens: February 13, 2012



Thanks to the hard work of the Alpine board of directors and staff, a new Alpine Public Library opened for business at 805 West Avenue E in February. Six years of fundraising and over a year of construction activities finally culminated in a new state-of-the-art facility for the residents of the Big Bend region. We were joyed to reveal our newly expanded collection and enhanced programming for all ages.

It was not an easy process, and it was not always rewarding. However, patrons are delighted with the new library and all it has to offer.

Cheryl Eakens, a long-time library user and volunteer, writes, "Wow! So much space and light. After thirty years of using the APL at the previous location, which was near and dear to me, I expected to be less than pleased with the new location, but I was wrong! My favorite new feature is the self-checkout...I think everyone should check it all out!"

We look forward to hearing more about our patrons' wishes for the new library. Staff and budget limit what we can do, but with volunteers we have been able to improve service to all patrons. Welcome to our new circulation volunteers Margaret Matthews, Marsha Wells, Clemencia Bakker, Cheryl Eakens, Jane Sager, Kathy Donnell, and Maria Rodriguez. They all join Wayne Cline, who has been serving patrons as a library volunteer for over one year.





Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Left: Chris Ruggia, APL board president, cuts the ribbon at the APL opening ceremony. Also on hand were the Alpine Ambassadors, APL board members, and APL staff, as well as many excited library supporters.

Right: Friends of the Library cut the ribbon for the new Re-Reads bookstore, located in the library. Left to right are Marilyn Terry, Audrey Painter, Diane Brown, Karen Boyd, and Betty Fitzgerald.



Above: APL architect Tom Hatch of hatch + ulland owen architects celebrates with grandson Henry Gresham.



Be Somebody

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.—Lily Tomlin

The library is 65 years old this year, and like all healthy senior citizens, it has continued to grow, to develop new skills, to fight off mental stagnation and physical deterioration. We need "health insurance" to get us to the peak of physical and mental fitness by the end of 2013, though. "That," as Lily Tomlin notes in the epigraph, will require a lot of "somebodies."

Brewster County is awash with somebodies. Somebody donated money to pay for the building. Somebody

bought books and audio-books and furniture and shelves. Somebody donated volunteer hours to pack up the old library and set up the new one. Somebody keeps Re-Reads open so somebody else can find that book they've been looking for. All of these "thats" require a somebody to do something about them. And the Alpine Public Library's "thats" have benefited mightily from the somebodies who understand the necessity of a well-stocked and well-run public library in an area as geographically remote as ours. Our somebodies don't have to be Warren Buffett. Our somebodies just have to be willing to work on the financial "thats" that the new library is facing in its first

year. The old body has been replaced by a new, stronger, healthier one, but that new body will atrophy if somebody doesn't see to its continued well-being. And *that* requires funds.

In this newsletter you'll find an application for membership in the Friends of the Alpine Public Library. Membership is inexpensive in terms of dollars, but it's invaluable in terms of taking care of our "thats." Be somebody. Join the Friends.

I'll bet Lily Tomlin would.

—Kathy Bork, membership chair, Friends of the Alpine Public Library

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Kathy Bork, right, is the APL Board's volunteer of the year. Her hard work on the capital campaign made the new library possible. Also shown is Ken Durham, APL board Treasurer.



Congratulations and thank you to Cruz "Trey" Lassiter Muniz, III, (right) for completing his Eagle Scout project: a new puppet theater for APL. The project was funded by the Kiwanis Club of Alpine. At left is Brent Freeland, Troop 410 scout leader.

FAPL Art Chair Auction!

Some of you may recall the fabulously fun and successful Art Chair auction held jointly by the APL and Big Bend Arts Council back in 1995. Well, the time has come for a sequel event . . .

This spring, at the library's official dedication event, the Friends of the APL will host another auction featuring chairs painted and embellished by local artists of the Big Bend region. These artists have donated of their time and talents to create chairs that reflect literary

themes: books, authors, or genres.

So far, fifteen chairs have been spoken for, with a few more available at Re-Reads for those who may be inspired to contribute one. Two are complete: Earlene Hamm and Ruben Pena's "The Queen of Hearts" featuring everyone's favorite monarch from "Alice's Adventures through the Looking Glass," by Lewis Carroll, and Cheryl Frances' "The Little Prince," an homage to the darling Little Man made immortal by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. These chairs

are currently on display in Re-Reads Used Bookstore, as well as four more. Check in often to see the latest chairs as they arrive, giving new meaning to the term, "Literary Arts!" And don't forget to join in the bidding -- as with all Friends of the Library projects (including Re-Reads itself), all proceeds from the Art Chair Auction will benefit the operations and programs of the APL. Thanks, as always, for your support.

-Cheryl Frances



Staff News

APL has seen many changes in the past few months. Nora Ohnishi left to work as a cataloger at the Wildenthal Library at Sul Ross. Candace Yaquinto left to fulfill the greater obligations of a busy retirement. Janie Ferrell left to travel and spend time with family.

We are joined by a new and exceptional staff! Nicole Cardoza, our new Circulation Librarian, is a mother of five library users and a former president of the Friends of the Marathon Public Library. Cheryl Frances, an artist and long time Friend and volunteer, is our new afternoon circulation assistant. Kristopher

Celaya, a Sul Ross English major and National Guard recruit, works as circulation assistant on weekdays. Valerie Cortinas, a former administrative assistant for the Clint ISD, is our new weekend circulation assistant. Christine Cavazos catalogs library materials and evaluates donations. Every one of our staff has special talents that will enrich our current all-ages programming. I feel very fortunate to have found so many competent and friendly new librarians—all committed to providing compassionate and knowledgeable service.

-Paige Delaney



Nicole Cardoza



Cheryl Frances



Kristopher Celaya



Christine Cavazos

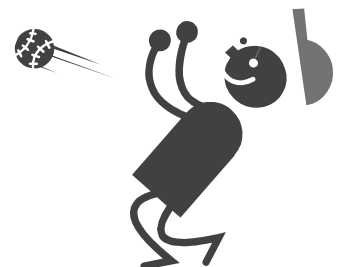
Mary Beth Garrett: 14 Years of Outstanding Service to APL Children



Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Mary Beth Garrett, our children's librarian, for her brilliant and loyal service to children at the library. Mary Beth is a nurse by training, but her specialty is developing collections and programming that are fun and educational, as well as developmentally stimulating. Mary Beth juggles programs for kids K-12 and toddlers and plays in the local orchestra. She began working as a volunteer at APL in 1998, and has since become a much-valued staff member. She is the mother of two outstanding young adults, Jake and Lauren, and the hard working wife of Hugh Garrett. We are so lucky and proud to have her on the staff! If you would like to volunteer to work on Mary Beth's exceptional programming team, please call APL.



Valerie Cortinas



Don Wetterauer—Volunteer of the Year



Don Wetterauer, President of the Friends of the Alpine Public Library from 2010 to 2012, was unanimously chosen as FAPL's Volunteer of the Year and was awarded a Lifetime Membership in FAPL. He is the Alpine Public Library's go-to guy for anything from changing light bulbs to emergency repairs. He climbs ladders, he digs holes, he paints, he lifts, he carries. And he does it all with good humor and great

Left: Don Wetterauer and Diane Brown

skill. Lest you think he's merely a man of steel, he teaches English as a Second Language classes and works in Re-Reads, the library's used book store and was instrumental in the monumental move of Re-Reads from its old location to the new. As a Scout Master, he encourages his scouts to help set up and take down Re-Reads "Bag Sales".

In addition to his volunteer activities in support of the Library, Don is now a staff member, serving as book

keeper making sure that the Library's finances are in order.

Update: Don was also awarded the 2012 Jeanette Bowers Volunteer of the Year Award by the Pilot Club of Alpine. Don's volunteer efforts have had a huge impact on the entire Big Bend region.

-Diane Brown, FAPL Pres.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Circulation Assistants
Kid's programming
Teen programming

From the Friends' President

As I hope you all know, since the last issue of Between the Lines the new library has opened and ReReads Bookstore is in its new location on the right just as you enter the library. I hope you have already visited, if not, you are in for a treat – more space, better lighting, and even a work room! So many of you have donated books that you were saving for us during the time we were closed that our shelves and workroom are overflowing. That means we will be having a "BAG SALE" on May 26th and 27th (Memorial Day weekend). You can buy two grocery bags of books for \$5 – What a deal!

Watch and listen for ads in local media as the time nears. A sign is now up at our old location directing folks to the new site and ads

in the local newspapers, Cenizo Journal, and flyers at the visitors center, RV Parks, and hotels are bringing many visitors.

We're planning some fun events for the summer. Sonya Klien will be having a book signing for her book, sometime in July and will be accompanied by a friend who is a singer and songwriter so we are in for a wonderful evening. Watch for publicity nearer to the date. Another great event to look forward to is our Birthday Party celebrating the 65th birthday of the Alpine Public Library. We've come a long way since the library was organized by the El Progreso Club (a women's study group which merged with the Alpine Woman's Club in 1965). The tentative date is August 18th.

As you will read above, the Library and the FAPL have an ongoing need for volunteers. Please consider how you can help.

And last, but not least, if you haven't already joined the Friends this year, complete the application in this newsletter and mail it to Kathy along with your check – or if you want to save a stamp, drop it by the library. We need your support!

-Diane Brown



Yolanda Garcia helps Samuel get started on a kid's computer.



The Yarn Arts program meets monthly at the new library.

Marathon Branch News

Movie Time!

June and July Fridays 1pm
FREE @ MPL

MPL Summer Reading

Join us this summer for reading and crafts related to the



world oceans! Sign up forms available at the library. Contact Carol Townsend for information at 432-386-4136.

OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate the life and times of Mrs. Shirley Rooney, and hear about her new oral memoirs.

May 17, 11am-1pm @ MPL

Brewster County Sheriff Ronnie Dotson presents a donation to MPL branch manager Carol Townsend (right) and assistant Mrs. Shirley Rooney (left). The gift is from James and Joyce Braus.



MPL Volunteer of the year: Jackie Boyd

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Book Loss is Serious Business!

It costs library patrons a great deal of money and inconvenience. The Alpine Public Library, in an effort to save taxpayers' and donors' money, has undertaken a program to recover books and fines that are seriously overdue. We have hired Unique Management Services, a collection agency that works with libraries throughout the United States.

All unresolved accounts over \$25 will be sent to UMS for processing and an extra \$10 service fee will be added to the balance.



Finn Mullins



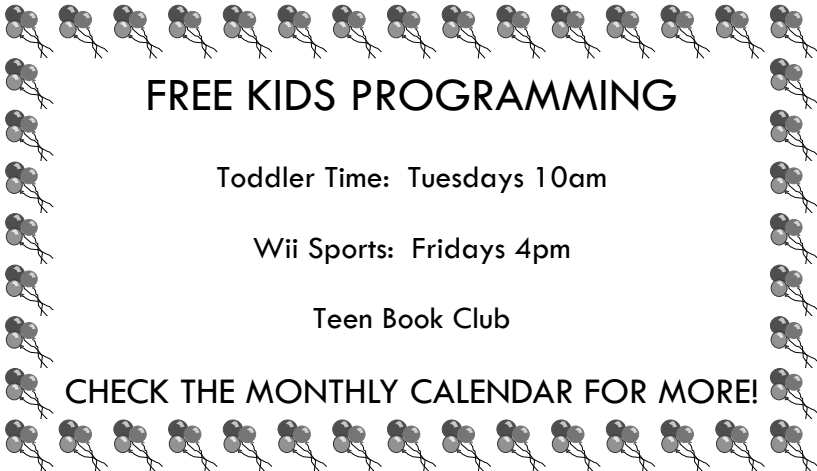
Sadie Carter at MPL Toddler Time



Kids at APL



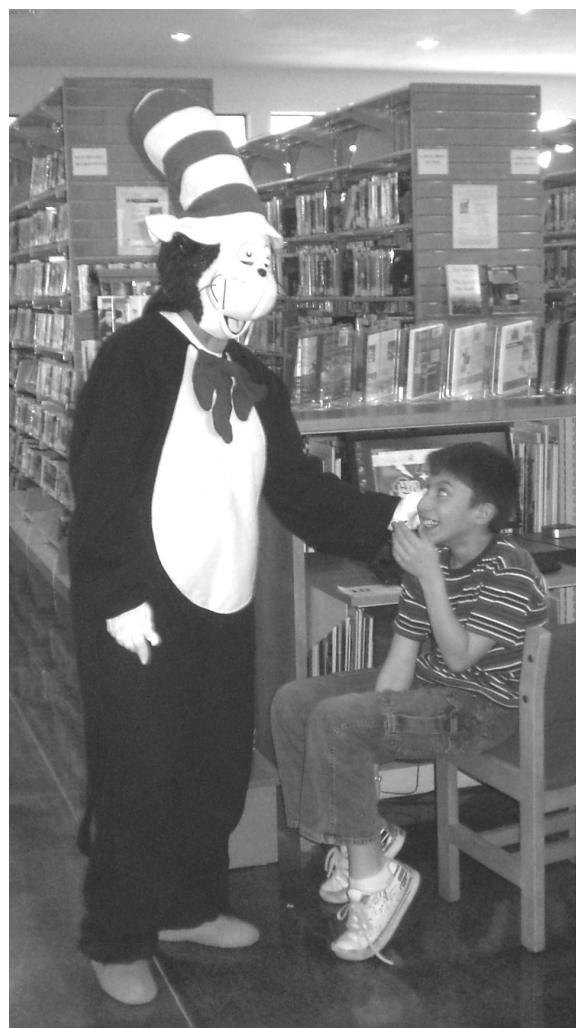
Mary Beth Garrett reads a story at Pajama Story Time.


FREE KIDS PROGRAMMING
 Toddler Time: Tuesdays 10am
 Wii Sports: Fridays 4pm
 Teen Book Club
CHECK THE MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR MORE!



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Volunteer Yolanda Wallerman, dressed as the Cat in the Hat, surprises APL kids celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

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Lucky rain brings unlucky lightning

Our first good rainstorm of the year filled our new rainwater harvesting tank with 1200 gallons of water! We were delighted and grateful. However, our big roof also made us a target for a direct lightning strike early in April.

The west ridge of the library shows evidence of two hits, as did downed network hardware and telephones. The library was quickly brought back up to minimal operations by the fast response of Mark Hannon and Matt Hodges of Nectar computers. Our online catalog and checkout services were only disabled for a couple of hours.

The library is now faced with replacing over \$13,000 worth of computers, network, and telephone equipment, as well as a fax ma-

chine, printers, and credit card machines. We have filed an insurance claim, and are looking for ways to meet our \$5,000 deductible. Replacement equipment is being installed.

Thanks to all the fast responders who helped to meet the immediate needs! We hope our future rain collection events won't have quite the impact!



Word Play!

Be sure to check out the display case in the foyer on a regular basis. Each new display will invite you to explore our library's collection, *and* give you the chance to win a \$5 gift certificate from Re-Reads! (And, in case you haven't checked, \$5 goes a *long* way in Re-Reads!)

This month's display focuses on National Poetry Month and samples a wide range of poetry books, from classical to contemporary, Spanish to Islam. Yes, poetry can be fun:

I'm a poet,
But I didn't know it.
My big feet show it.
They're Longfellows!